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Title of the Invention: <b>MUTATIONS IN AND GENOMIC STRUCTURE OF HERG - A LONG QT SYNDROME GENE</b>		

### AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In further response to the Advisory Action mailed July 3, 2003 and Applicants' Request for Continued Examination filed on even date herewith, Applicants request entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment before continued examination of the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.